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REFS: (A) STATE 226045; (B) CANBERRA 7074

1. FOUR HOURS AFTER DELIVERY OF INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REFTEL (A), RON WALKER CALLED TO SAY QUESTION HAD BEEN RAISED WITH RESPECT "MOST FAVORED NATION TREATMENT" OF IRAN. MFN LANGUAGE IN US-GOI AGREEMENT APPEARS TO BE CONTAINED IN ARTICLE SIX, PARA. 3C OF THE US-IRANIAN NOTE, "...THE US WOULD APPROVE REPROCESSING OF IRANIAN SPENT FUEL TO MEET COMPARABLE IRANIAN NEEDS IN THE UK, FRANCE, OR OTHER MUTUALLY AGREED STATES UNDER ARRANGEMENTS WHICH PROVIDE IRAN WITH BENEFITS COMPARABLE TO THOSE PROVIDED OTHER SUCH STATES AND UNDER TERMS AND CONDITIONS NO LESS FAVORABLE THAN THOSE APPLICABLE TO SUCH OTHER STATES."

2. WALKER SAID QUESTION HAD BEEN RAISED WITH RESPECT TO SECOND SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH ON "MOST FAVORED NATION TREATMENT" IN SUPPLEMENTARY LETTER TO GOA-GOI AGREEMENT (ATTACHMENT 2, PAGE 1, TO CANBERRA A-203) WHICH READS
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AS FOLLOWS: "AUSTRALIA INTENDS TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT IN A WAY THAT ASSURES THAT IRAN, AS A MOST FAVORED NATION, ENJOYS, INTER ALIA, THE SAME RIGHTS, OPPORTUNITIES AND FREEDOM OF ACTIONS, TO BE EXERCISED UNDER TERMS AND CONDITIONS NO LESS FAVORABLE AS AUSTRALIA MAY MAKE TO ANY OTHER COUNTRY". WALKER ASKED WHETHER THERE WAS ANY SUPPLEMENTARY US EXCHANGE WITH IRAN WHICH PROVIDED

COMPARABLE LANGUAGE TO THE ABOVE QUOTE IN THE AUSTRALIAN SUPPLEMENTARY LETTER.

3. EMBASSY NOTES THAT PARAGRAPH 2C OF TEHRAN 6636 (OF JULY 13TH) SEEMS TO IMPLY THAT THERE MIGHT BE EITHER A SIMILAR "SUPPLEMENTARY LETTER" FROM THE US TO GOI, OR GENERALLY MFN LANGUAGE IN ADDITION TO THAT PROVIDED TO US OVERNIGHT BY DEPARTMENT'S 226045.

4. AS THE MATTER WILL BE GOING TO FOREIGN MINISTER PEACOCK AT NOON TOMORROW (BY GOA COURIER TO MELBOURNE), WALKER SAID CLARIFICATION FROM DEPARTMENT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IF IT COULD COME OVERNIGHT. EMBASSY VERY MUCH REGRETS HAVING TO ASK DEPARTMENT FOR ITS FURTHER ASSISTANCE BUT SUCH WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. MANY THANKS.

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